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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS REPORTS NORTH ESPOUSES FORCEFUL UNIFICATION

1. ROK PRESS OCTOBER 15 AND 16 PROMINENTLY CARRIED
TOKYO DATELINED STORY REPORTING NORTH KOREAN PEOPLES
ARMY COMMANDERS AND POLITICAL OFFICERS OCTOBER 12
RALLY AS SIGNIFYING NORTH KOREA STILL HARBORS
BELLICOSE INTENT TOWARDS SOUTH. CHOSON ILBO UNDER
HEADLINE "KIM IL-SONG INSTRUCTS FORCEFUL REUNIFICATION"
REPORTED THAT KIM HAD TOLD SOLDIERS TO JOIN THE RANKS
OF REVOLUTION. RADIO NEWS AND GOVERNMENT OWNED
KOREA HERALD LIKEWISE CLAIMED RALLY SPEECHES
HAD DEMONSTRATED NORTH'S UNCHANGED INTENTION TO
REUNIFY THE COUNTRY BY FORCE. OTHER PRESS ARTICLES
VIEWED THE MEETING AS MARKING COMPLETION OF WAR
PREPARATIONS, BUT DID NOT REPORT ON NORTH'S
INTENT.

2. THESE MEDIA REPORTS APPEARED TO BE BASED ON
KCNA ACCOUNT OF OCTOBER 12 RALLY OF
PEOPLES ARMY COMMANDERS AND POLITICAL OFFICERS WHICH
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WAS REPORTED BY FBIS B130540. ACCORDING TO FBIS REPORT,

SPEECHES WERE IN FACT BELLICOSE, ALTHOUGH THE PHRASE
"UNIFY BY FORCE" DID NOT OCCUR. MOST STRIKING
PASSAGE WAS QUOTE THE SPEAKERS DECLARED THAT THE
HEARTS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE PEOPLES ARMY
ARE AFLAME WITH FURIOUS REVOLUTIONARY ARDOR TO . . .
CHASE OUT THE US IMPERIALISTS AND REUNIFY THE
COUNTRY IN OUR GENERATION WITHOUT FAIL UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE LEADER UNQUOTE.
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